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RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

On behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford/Wareham, in New Bedford, Mass., I am writing in appreciation of Comcast Corporation, a valued partner of our Club, which is the third oldest in the nation. Comcast is a model of community-oriented corporate citizenship, so I am proud to extend my support for the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

On multiple occasions, including last April, Comcast volunteers have served our Club on Comcast Cares Day, the single largest day of corporate volunteerism in the nation. In addition, we have been fortunate to receive substantial financial support from Comcast to help sustain our programs and ultimately create greater opportunity for our young people.

Comcast is also focused on an issue that is central to the future prosperity of our youth. Broadband access, critical for 21st century jobs and educational opportunities, must be available for all of our young people and their families. To that end, Comcast's Internet Essentials program, known as "Internet Basico" in Spanish, promises to narrow the Digital Divide by providing free training and affordable service in the homes of low-income children and their families. Households that participate also have the opportunity to purchase cost-effective hardware that maximizes benefits for the entire family.

In Massachusetts, 8,000 households are participating in this initiative – and it has already reached 1.4 million Americans nationwide.

Moreover, cross sector advocates are needed to prioritize the potential of our low-income and minority students, which will be shaped by access to and

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knowledge of the internet. Young people are our greatest national resource, after all, and Comcast is a company that recognizes this.

I believe that the FCC should approve the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable, which would ebhance broadband service in communities across Massachusetts and many other states.

Respectfully,

Robert Mendes

Chief Professional Officer

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